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RE:

U.S. Patent Application Entitled: "NON-AQUEOUS SURFACTANT-CONTAINGING FORMULATIONS FOR EXTENDED RELEASE OF SOMATOTROPIN" by Yunhua N. Jeng and Kanaiyalal R. Patel

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are:

- 45-page patent specification with 27 claims and an abstract (also Figures 1-6 on 3 Sheets); (1)
- Information Disclosure Statement along with form 1449, and (2)
- (3) References cited in Information Disclosure Statement.

Please note that this application is filed without inventors' Declaration and Assignment, a Power of Attorney, and filing fees. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f), the Applicants request the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicants request that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) be sent to the undersigned Applicant's representative.

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